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AND DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY  
ENHANCING THE ISOLATION OF  
ANAEROBIC MICROORGANISMS  
CONTAINED IN A MIXED SAMPLE WITH  
FACULTATIVE MICROORGANISMS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, Applicants have filed a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) and request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and comments which follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.